

Dedham Feb. 9. 1841.

I return you a thousand thanks, my Dear friend, for the  
kind & most welcome letter wh. I found awaiting my return  
from a visit to Cambridge & Boston last evening. The intelligence  
of the prosperity & improving health of the dear travellers was indeed  
most welcome, & it was made doubly so by the kindness wh. induced  
you to take so much pains in my behalf. By the way, your letter  
wh. is dated the 1<sup>st</sup>, did not arrive till Saturday night, & was  
not rec<sup>d</sup>. by me until Monday aft<sup>n</sup>, wh. must be my excuse  
for not acknowledging its arrival sooner. I wrote a letter to  
Maria last week & left it at Mr. Chapman's - & if I have time  
peradventure I will pen another. The trouble about writing  
to them is that they have such pestilent good correspondence of  
their own households that I know there is no earthly thing left for  
me to say in the way of fact - so that I have to spin my cobweb  
of a lumbrication out of my own brain - so that my epistles can have  
no value except such as they derive from their being proofs of friendship  
& affectionate remembrance. I trust you will let me see Maria's  
letter [a such parts of it as are not inclosed in brackets, not  
to be shown to Uncle Leby] when I next see you; & that you will  
keep me informed of the advice you receive from them; for you  
may be sure, that now as, out of your immediate family circle,  
feel a deeper interest in their welfare.

I did write to Collins by the Acadia a long letter, containing  
all the facts & particulars I could remember, including an account  
of the Annual Meeting in all its details - so you may rest easy on  
that point. Your description of the office on the morning of the  
Acadia's sailing was truly Hogarthian. I would advise  
you to select yourself a committee of superintendence of the  
transmission of documents to Eng<sup>d</sup>. I well remember to have seen  
Anna's valise packed for Mr. Pease lying on the deck of  
the office on the day of the sailing of the last <sup>steamer</sup> packet - & also the  
philosophic equanimity with wh. my inquiries as to its destiny  
were answered - but I did not know before that it never went.



I think the woman question had better be practically carried out at the office - for the A. J. women are certainly more executive than most of the brethren. Now I think a couple of the sisters, under the direction of Chase, would do capital-ly well. I never thought of it till this moment - but it is born in a far my mind, as we Quakers say, that it would be a capital plan - what say you?

Talking of Quakers, I went to Lynn last week & delivered my Quaker Lecture before a very good audience. The Quakers were well pleased with it, as I understood. I fear their good opinion of me will last no longer than the appearance of the next N. R. Resistant in A. J. I am down on the present generation. I staid at W. R. Pappett's where Abby Kelly & sundry other friends spent the afternoon & dined with me. Among them Eliza Whittier (Dorcas sister) a ~~very~~ little Quakeress, with tremendous black eyes, who was apparently a little on com- fortable whenever we walked into her by arrangement. Abby is one of the most charming women of my acquaintance. Her experience of the last year or so, in bringing her in contact with men generally, has been of great service to her both in mind & manners. It is not the pleasantest way of seeing the world but I am not sure that it is not the best for the character. She intends going back and bothering the Connecticut forums again. What a development of what New York is was contained in Helen's article copied into the last Report of Oppression? The clownish fool seems to be pretending as as to force itself upon the notice of the Pseudomission for what it was intended.

On returning from Lynn on Thursday morning Garrison & I went, at Clothier's request, to a phrenologist's room (one Coombs) to have our heads examined. While the operation was going on, the excellent Clothier was very remarkably signi- ficant, giving the phrenologists to understand that they were no common folks who were under his manipulation. After the examination was over he wished to know who the two illus- trious ones were who had favored him with their crania



whereupon ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> worthy Mercurian informed him that they were  
the two most remarkable men in the country (apart from the  
excited humpologist picked up his ears, probably expecting to hear  
the names of Dr. Webster & W. E. Channing) - none other indeed  
than Mr. Lloyd Garrison & Edw. Quincy!! I must give Mr. Cornish  
credit for a large degree of self-respect - at least - for he  
received the announcement with the most surprising equanimity,  
considering that he had never heard, certainly, of one of the celebrated  
persons before him, & though he might have heard of the other, but  
probably never ~~heard~~ had any idea of him except of a vulgar fellow  
who "went with niggers". His distinguished visitors, if they did not look  
like the greatest men in the country were not very far, for the reason  
from looking like the greatest fools in the country. After having  
had greatness thus unceremoniously thrust upon us by poor clothes we went  
our way, vowing we would never ~~see~~ trust ourselves in his  
appetimate clutches again. <sup>The Phenologist</sup> ~~we~~ gave us flaming characters  
of course, as all phenologists do that I ever heard of. I should  
like to see one who had told a man that his animal propen-  
sities predominated over his moral & intellectual, - that he  
was deficient in benevolence & personal worth, & that his  
altruism was enormous. I suppose this man would  
give Calver or Torrey almost identically the same character  
that he did to Garrison.

I do not know whether you have heard that Theodore  
Parker came out in Lunenburg before last with an Anti-  
Slavery sermon. Mr. Cornish, a parishioner of his, & <sup>the Abolitionist</sup>  
of his parish, who is an old friend & Liberator man, told  
me that it was through no mistake. And I should  
judge so too by what Parker told me of it - but he has promised  
me to bring it with him when he next comes to see me and  
read it to me. He has before recognized the A. J. & M. R.  
movements as the chief, if not the only, manifestations of Christ-  
ianity in the present age, without any Emersonian or Chan-  
ningian qualifications. I think that we shall get some work



out of him in some way. He is, I should judge from what he says, about converted to non-Resistance also. Dapley, by the way, Mr. Parker tells me is a thorough non-Resistant. Parker is a very remarkable man - a rare instance of a man who has raised himself by the force of his own energies, & by self-education, to the rank of the most learned men in the country, who ~~was~~ not overlaid by his knowledge & assigned to the gown of hopeless Conservatism. You of course will not count much upon him yet - nor do I - only I hope, for his temptations are many & strong. I went to his church in the afternoon & heard him preach a most capital sermon on Phariseism - the Pharise of the inside, street, politics, church & pulpit. He has already pretty nearly preached himself out of all

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 very interesting  
 Theodore. Parker  
 Miss Caroline Weston  
 (as he left at W. Chapman's  
 opposite the Church.)  
 Chancery Place

or thought of leaving. Now write me as often as you are moved whether you have anything to say or not. I am to all whom you see them. I want to see you! Truly yours  
 Edmund Quincy.

respectable pulpit & will ere long I think preach himself out of his profession. The signing the call for the Lab. Car. was of infinite service to him & I think may be the turning point in his life - as it helped him to get rid of a large proportion of that unpalatable which is the first thing a man has to free himself from when he wants to be good for anything - & moreover it conferred upon him a very wholesome share of odium - the true baptism by fire - & I think he will stand it. My sister who is to take this letter is on the early departure so that I must hasten to a conclusion. I thank you again for your letter. & I pray you do not apologise for the length of your letters - you know me, & ought to, well enough to be sure that they